

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday held on Tuesday July 4th at white House Appleby.

Present

Martin Joyce	Chair
Martin Railton	Research
Heather Edwards	Membership Secretary
Phyl Rouston	

Apologies

Richard Stevens, Carol Dougherty, Mike Godfrey, Trish Shaw and Mike Yates

Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed as a correct record.

1/7/17 Matters Arising

2/12/16 Martin J had been trialing the use of PayPal and was encouraged by the results. For further discussion with the treasurer and committee.

4/12/16c HAZ.

Advertising for a Project Officer had occurred and now awaiting the appointment. Martin R had met with English Heritage representatives and had suggested they contact other people e.g. Appleby and Westmorland Society. He expressed AAG's interest in the preliminary assessment of the buildings that they are undertaking. They intend to produce a book on Appleby in Westmorland.

2/7/17 Membership

Heather apologised for giving incorrect numbers to the March meeting. Current membership:- 40 individual and 14 joint memberships a total of 68. Heather advised the committee that she wished to resign from her role as membership secretary and that a replacement should be in place before January to deal with renewals.

3/7/17 Treasurer's Report

Martin circulated the accounts for the period 9th March to 13th June. The Group funds excluding HLF grant stand at £1001.24.

4/7/17 Research

See Dig Appleby notes.

5/7/17 Correspondence

None had been received.

6/7/17 Programme

The evening visits to Dacre and Barton Churches had been enjoyable and informative with excellent guides. Dacre was well attended, it had been opened to the local community. Barton numbers were down due possibly bad weather and the first day of Appleby Fair .

Speakers for February and March. Martin R will follow up on his suggestion for a talk on the Morecombe Project his initial sounding had been positive. Mike and Trish were keen to talk about their experience in Egypt possibly at the Member's evening but it was agreed they should have a talk slot and that they be asked for the remaining date.

Member's evening January 2018. Phyl reminded those present (confirmed by Martin R) that AAG celebrates its 20th birthday in January.

Martin R will give a review on the completion of Dig Appleby and then it was suggested we try and involve as many members as possible to highlight their archaeological high spots in the last 10 years. A birthday cake should be made, and a special edition of the Newsletter produced. It was agreed that as chairman Martin J would email all members to ask for their significant moments in September (**Martin J**)

7/7/17 Supper Room AV

Martin J advised the committee of his contacts with Caroline Dudgeon re the Town Council providing AV aids in the supper room and he had met her and the contractors who had installed the AV aids in the Market Hall. The estimated cost for the supper room was £3500. Suggestion had been made that AAG make an application for a grant but Richard had contacted Martin to say that he was concerned about ownership and had strongly advised against this, suggesting that the Town Council would be the appropriate body to make a grant application. AAG would be happy to support such an application. Another suggestion was that AAG could make a donation towards the installation of equipment. Those present expressed some unease as we had previously been pushed aside in favour of another group and there is no guaranteed that this could not happen again. Caroline should be contacting Martin on any progress.

The urgency of finding a solution to resolve the problem of having to carry the equipment to meetings was stressed.

8/7/17 AOB Market Hall Lift

Martin had raised the recent problems of lift being out of action with Caroline. He will now contact the TIC on the day before a meeting so that if there is a problem relevant members could be contacted.

There being no further business the meeting the closed at 8.45pm

Date and Time of next meeting Thursday October 5th at White House Brampton

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